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CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM SMALLER AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whethere there is any proposal to operate international flights directly from some small and non-metro airports in the country;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the time of the commencement of operation of such flights from these airports, airport-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (c):- Unlimited access has been granted to the designated airlines of SAARC (excluding Pakistan) and ASEAN member States to/from 18 tourists destination in India viz. Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bhubaneshwar, Calicut, Cochin, Gaya, Goa, Guwahati, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Patna, Port Blair, Trivandrum, Trichy, Varanasi and Vishakapatnam. Apart from this, recently, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Bagdogra and Coimbatore have been granted as new points of call to the designated airlines of some foreign countries. However, actual operation by any airlines to/from any point of call is always guided by its commercial judgment.